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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Joseph A. Affholter, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/721,507

Filed: November 22, 2000

For: Single-Stranded Nucleic Acid Template-Mediated Recombination and Nucleic Acid Fragment Isolation

Examiner: Diana B Johannsen

Art Unit: 1634

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY
FOR APPLICATION CONTAINING
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Sir:

The present communication includes a response to the office action of March 13, 2003. A petition for a two month extension of time authorizing the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is enclosed. Thus, the petition effectively extends the period of response from April 13, 2003 to June 13, 2003. In response to the Office action of March 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please note that this amendment is submitted in the revised format as set forth in 1267 OG 106 (February 25, 2003). Accordingly,

- Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper,
- Additonal Items begin on page 4 of this paper.